Vaydoot services to link Bhilai, Bilaspur and Jagdalpur

3647. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state.

(a) what is the progress made so far regarding Government's proposal to link Bhilai, Bilaspur (Korba) and Jagdalpur (Bastar) by Vayudoot services;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in the execution of specific Government assurance in this regard; and

(c) by when Vayudoot service will start operating on these routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) At present, the airstrips at Bilaspur and Jagdalpur are being developed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity and economic viability of operations Vayudoot has plans to airlink Bilaspur and Jagdalpur as and when all the arrangements for operations have been made.

Night Air Mail Service

3648. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) by when a night air mail service is proposed to be introduced through Vayudoot;

(b) which cities are to be connected by these night air mail service; and

(c) by when will this service be included all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There is no proposal to introduce night air mail service through Vayudoot at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Floats, cranes and other equipment purchased by ports

3649. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of floats and shore special cranes added during the period from August, 1985 till March, 1987 in the various ports of the country, port-wise;

(b) the number of fork lifts, trailers and tractors added during the same period in various ports of the country, port-wise; and

(c) the total number of cranes fork lifts, trailers and tractors in the ports of the country till March, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government of India is responsible for the development of major ports. The required information port-wise of all the Major Ports is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 138]

Deaths in Delhi Hospitals due to non-availability of medicines

3650. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths in Delhi Hospitals on account of wrong diagnosis, or delay on the part of the medical officers on duty in attending to patients or on account of the non-availability of medicines in hospitals during the last three years;

(b) the details of action taken by the Government against medical officers on duty for negligence or callous and difference behaviour to patients; and